

# Wesley Way

## United Methodist Church

### McDonough, Georgia



## SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

**December 4, 2022**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

WESLEY WAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
150 John Wesley Way McDonough, GA 30252 770-898-3023  
[www.wesleyway.org](http://www.wesleyway.org)

# *Welcome to Wesley Way United Methodist Church*

It is a blessing to worship in the Wesley Way congregation every Sunday! Whether this is your first visit or you're a charter member, I hope this is a meaningful time of worship for you and I hope you feel the presence of the Holy Spirit during today's service. Wesley Way offers two worship opportunities. The informal, contemporary service meets at 8:30am and the traditional service at 10:30am. Both services meet in the sanctuary.

If you would like me or any of the staff to contact you, please call or email the office at 770-898-3023 or [office@wesleyway.org](mailto:office@wesleyway.org). May God bless us all as we worship together this morning!

Pastor Michelle Strall

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# *Morning Worship Celebration*

December 4th, 8:30 AM

\*Please stand as able

## **WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE AND WORSHIP**

\*Song of Praise                      *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*                      Praise Band

\*Greet One Another

Welcome, Announcements & Prayer                      Kevin Lemelin  
*(Please fill out the pew pad located in your row)*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath                      Ewert Family

Scripture Memorization                      1 Peter 3:15 CEB

Offering Prayer                      Rev. Michelle Strall

\*Songs of Praise                      *O Come, All Ye Faithful*                      Praise Band  
*Most Beautiful*

## **WE WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SONG**

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer                      Rev. Michelle Strall  
*(Lord's Prayer will be shown on the screen)*

## **WE WORSHIP IN GOD'S WORD**

Scripture                      Isaiah 40:25-31

Sermon                      "He is...Mighty God"

Holy Communion

*(Communion will be taken by intinction, dipping bread into a common cup and then consuming both.*

*A pre-packaged wafer and juice are also available, along with a Gluten-free wafer.*

*Baskets are available for the Communion Offering.*

*Donations collected benefit Samaritans Together and Wesley Way's benevolence fund).*

Song of Response                      *Give Thanks*                      Praise Band

\*Benediction                      Rev. Michelle Strall

# *Morning Worship Celebration*

December 4th, 10:30 AM

\*Please stand as able

HYMNS AND WORSHIP ITEMS ARE PROJECTED ON THE SCREEN.  
HYMNALS ARE AVAILABLE BY THE DOUBLE DOORS IN THE BACK.

*Nursery is available for children under two years in room 128 and under four years in room 130.  
Don't forget to check in on Facebook while you are here at Wesley Way! (WIFI password:  
wwumcguest) Please sign the attendance card located in your chair.*

## **WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE AND WORSHIP**

Lighting of the Candles

\*Hymn of Praise *O Come, All Ye Faithful* #234

\*Affirmation of Faith Sheila Mason

\*Gloria Patri

Welcome, Announcements & Prayer Reed Lukat  
(*please fill out pew pad located in your row*)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath The Harris Family

Scripture Memorization 1 Peter 3:15 CEB

## **WE WORSHIP WITH OUR CHILDREN**

*(Children are dismissed to Children's Worship in room 222. They will celebrate Holy  
Communion during their worship time upstairs. Parents may pick up their children upstairs in room 222  
immediately after the service.)*

## **WE WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING**

Offertory Prayer Sheila Mason

\*Anthem *Come, Messiah King* Chancel Choir

\*Doxology Esther Williams

## **WE WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SONG**

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Michelle Strall

*(Lord's Prayer will be shown on the screen)*

\*Hymn of Preparation

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

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Sermon

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## **WE WORSHIP THROUGH SERVICE IN THE WORLD**

\*Benediction

Rev. Michelle Strall

*(After the spoken benediction, please join in the song printed below.)*

*Come, O Come, Messiah King*

*Promised Son, sent to redeem us one by one,*

*So we may tell the wonders of Your matchless love, Emmanuel*

Postlude

Esther Williams

### Scripture Memorization

*Instead, regard Christ the Lord as holy in your hearts. Whenever anyone asks to speak of your hope, be ready to defend it.*

1 Peter 3:15 CEB

# *Ministry Gatherings This Week*

## **Sunday, December 4th**

8:30am Contemporary Worship  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Traditional Worship  
No By Grace practice  
5:00pm UMYF– Elf & Cookies  
(pick up time is 7:45pm)

## **Monday, December 5th**

7:00pm BSA Cub Pack

## **Tuesday, December 6th**

## **Wednesday, December 7th**

5:30pm Supper  
6:30pm Club K-2  
(4 yrs.-2nd grade, rm. 130)  
6:30pm Club 345 Bible Study  
(3rd, 4th & 5th grades, rm. 209)  
6:30pm Youth Bible Study  
6:30pm Choir Practice

## **Thursday, December 8th**

4:45pm Operation Christmas Child  
6:00pm Girl Scouts  
6:30pm UMW Dinner

## **Friday, December 9th**

## **Saturday, December 10th**

## **Sunday, December 11th**

8:30am Contemporary Worship  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Traditional Worship  
11:50am Middle School Progressive  
Dinner  
4:50pm High School Progressive  
Dinner

## **Coming Soon**

12/24, 5:00pm– Christmas Eve Worship  
Service (one service)

12/25, 10:30am– Christmas Day Worship  
Service (one service)

## Stewardship

Monthly Budget Needs: \$44,078

Week	Income	Month Total
11/06	\$6,223	\$6,223
11/13	\$6,064	\$12,287
11/20		
11/27		

## Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given by the Parker family in honor of Cassie's mom, Ruby Bastian.

## This Morning's Servers:

### Greeters

8:30am– Beth Graf

10:30am– Nancy Phillips

Catherine Spainhour

### Ushers

Mike Craig

Dave Honkanen

### Sexton

Jim Braswell

### Liturgist

Sheila Mason



## **Children's Ministry**

*children@wesleyway.org*

### **HANGING OF THE GREENS:**

### **THANK YOU!**

Sunday evening was such a true gift. We are thankful to Soni Buckalew, Lauren Cook, Christina Pike, and Cheryl Settle for organizing and leading our children. Thank you to all our other volunteers who also helped make the evening so special: our children, Children's Ministry parents, Esther Williams, UMM, Nurture Team, Tech Booth, and probably more that we aren't even aware of. God bless you all.

## **Christmas Card Swap**

We are providing our Christmas card file box in the lobby through January 3rd. Enjoy this time of sharing cards with those in our congregation. Simply drop your card in the proper file by last name. No stamps needed. Please file your cards by December 18th.

**Cards not collected by January 3rd will be discarded.** Please be sure to check for your cards weekly.

## **Wesley Way UMC: Job**

### **Opening**

Wesley Way is searching for a new Director of Children's Ministry. Please contact the church office if you know of someone who might be a good fit for this position.

The Director of Children's Ministries is responsible for the oversight of children's programs, birth through fifth grade. The primary role will be to recruit, train, and develop leaders who will intentionally help to produce committed Disciples of Christ. *This is a part-time position.*

## **Reverse Advent**

Join us for a "Reverse Advent" journey this year. Collect specific canned goods and other non-perishables to give back to those in need this December. Flyers are available in the lobby, and collected goods will be received on Christmas Eve, December 26th, or January 1st.

## **Operation Christmas Child**

### **Thank you!**

Many thanks to all who helped pack a box for Operation Christmas Child. 42 Boxes were delivered to First Baptist on Monday.



## **Youth Ministry**

**Kevin Lemelin**

*youthministry@wesleyway.org.*

### **ELF AND COOKIES**

Advent is full of a lot of fun traditions, especially in the youth ministry here at Wesley Way. One of my favorites is Elf & Cookies, and the youth love it too! Please note UMYF will be extended to 7:35pm today so we can eat dinner and still get the full movie in. We will start at 5:00pm, so don't be late! The movie will start after dinner is served.

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

On Thursday December 8, the Youth Ministry will be serving at OCC at their Atlanta processing center. This is for youth 13 years and older. We have the 7:00 -10:00pm time slot again this year, and plan to leave around 4:50pm to get to the warehouse location. We are planning to eat dinner at a local fast-food restaurant prior to our shift. We will arrive back at the church around 11:30pm.

### **UPCOMING ADVENT ACTIVITIES**

We will have the Elf Olympics again this year! Come join in the fun on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:00pm. Mark your calendars for Friday, December 23, as the youth will head out to spread some Christmas cheer! Seems like someone told me the best way to do that is to sing loud for all to hear. So that is what we will plan to do. We will start at 4:45pm here at the church.

## **PROGRESSIVE DINNER**

Next Sunday, December 11 is Progressive Dinner Time! I know there are a lot of youth and adults that are looking forward to this one. The schedule for the day is as follows,

Middle school please meet at the church at 11:50am and we will return by 3:45pm.

High school please meet at the church at 4:50pm and we will return by 8:45pm.

Each youth needs to bring \$3.00 cash with them and a \$5.00 gag gift, wrapped to exchange during dessert home.

Progressive dinner is always a great time of fellowship and one of the youth ministries favorite things to do each year. I am really excited and looking forward to this Sunday!

Thank you to all the families that have signed up to host the youth this year.

## **HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT**

The high school retreat will take place over the Christmas break on January 2 – 4, 2023 and is for all high school students grade 9 -12. I am still looking for a location suitable to rent for this retreat. There is a sign-up sheet out for this retreat to see how many youth are interested in going. This will also direct us on the size house to rent. We will probably head to North Georgia and the cost will be about \$110 per person. If you have any questions or would like to let me know you are interested in attending, please contact Kevin.

## **Ramblers Craft Sale**

The Ramblers group will be holding their annual craft sale between service today and Sunday, 12/11. Come out and support the Wesley Way Ramblers!

## **United Methodist Women**

The UMW Christmas dinner & 2023 Officer Installation is Thursday 12/8 @ 6:30pm. Ham will be provided. All attendees are asked to bring a small amount of food to share (side or dessert - no large quantities).

## **No Gifts, Please**

Tim and I would like to request no gifts during the Christmas season. We are so honored and blessed to be here and really feel your love and support! However, you can best honor us at Christmas time by honoring Jesus and changing a life! You can make a donation to any number of ministries and non-profit groups: our church, Helping in His Name food pantry, Haven House, Gigi's House, A Friend's House or another non-profit of your choosing. So spread your Christmas cheer abroad and celebrate Jesus' birthday!

Thank you for loving us and our Lord.

-Pastor Michelle and Tim Strall

## **Upcoming ways to give for the holidays**

The annual Angel Tree Ministry is also a wonderful way to give back this year. When the angels appear on the altar, feel free to take one and give back to help those in need this upcoming Christmas season with a financial gift.

Adopt-A-Senior is here! We will be working with Henry County Senior Services to brighten the eyes of a homebound Senior citizen for Christmas. If you are interested in adopting a Senior citizen please contact Cheryl Settle at 678-521-0754 or [csettle6700@gmail.com](mailto:csettle6700@gmail.com).

## **Wesley Women Circle**

December events:

Tuesday, 12/13- Wesley Women Circle Christmas party, 6:30pm in the sanctuary. All ladies are invited to visit/join our circle for fellowship and fun. Everyone asked to wear an ugly Christmas sweater and bring their favorite finger food to share. Also bring a gift to swap-\$25 max.

Sunday, December 18th --- UMW loose change collection for Haven House between services.

Tuesday, December 20th-- *Helping in His Name* Food pantry volunteering from 10:00am to 12:00pm.

## **Christmas Gift to support the District Office**

The Central South District will be providing a Christmas gift to our District Office Administrator (Mrs. Renee Farrar) and our District Superintendent (Rev. Dr. Byron Thomas).

If you would like to contribute, you can denote checks as “District Gift” to show appreciation to Renee and Dr. Thomas. Donations may also be made on our website by clicking the Donate tab and selecting

“Conference Offering.” Donations are due by November 26.

## **Poinsettias**

It’s that time again to place your orders for Poinsettias to help decorate our church sanctuary. Poinsettias are \$15 each and all orders need to be in by **12/11**. Please complete the order form in the lobby and mark your checks “poinsettias” in the memo line. Place payment and form in the red box located underneath the TV in the lobby. *Poinsettias can be taken home on Christmas Eve (or before, if needed); after worship on 01/01 they will be discarded.*

## **Birthdays**

*12/05*

*Nathan Monroe*

*12/10*

*Yogi Mangroo*

*12/09*

*Alan Parker*

*Kimbra Stenson*

*12/11*

*Cheryl Settle*



*Did we miss your birthday? If so, please email us at [office@wesleyway.org](mailto:office@wesleyway.org)*



## **Prayer List:**

First Responders

Scott Allan

Ray Ann

Miriam Armstrong

Rusty Barnes

Ruby Bastian

Kristy Bauerlein

Liz Bond

Bob Bowmaster

Birney Bowmaster

The family of Scott  
Bradley

Janice Brackett

Mary Brazeal

Shelby Brooks

Dottie Bumbalough

Keven Buckalew

Nora Buckalew

Burma Campbell

Hugo Coffin

Eli Crawford

Kendall Denson

Christine Downey

The DesRochers

Family

Jean Dodsworth

Leisha Durham

The Family of  
Makaylah Edwards

Jim & Jeanette Elliott

Joyce Ellis

The Family of Clyde  
Gaddy

Tommy Gibson

Keith Going

The Family of Ken  
Hart, Sr.

John Hewitt

The Family of Jo  
Jackson

The Johnson Family

Johnna Johnson

Tommy Jones

Erin Layton

Stewart Longoino

Anne Martin

Melvin Newman

Earl Parker

Fern Raleigh

Cam Reed

Ariel Richardson

Brenda Shofman

Bobby Sod

Carolyn Spainhour

Sherry Stevens

Lynn Stroud

Shirley Sylvan

The Family of Leah  
Tarvin

Stuart Updike

Cindy Waldrop

The Family of Gene  
Walton

Shannon Wheeler and  
Family

The Family of Tim  
Wilson

Tommy Williams

Judi Wlodarczak

Judy Wyatt

The Family of Mr.  
Zellner